

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A threaded fastener having a shank, hi-low threads disposed about a portion of the shank, a self-drilling tip at one end of the shank and a head at another end of the shank, and wherein at least 1.4 mm of the shank is unthreaded between the threads and the head ~~and threads holding a substantially dry self-curing adhesive.~~
2. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein the tip is distanced from the threads by at least 0.5 cm.
3. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein the tip is distanced from the threads by at least 1 cm.
4. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein the tip comprises a pinch point configuration.
5. (Currently amended) The fastener of claim 1 further comprising a dry, self-curing an adhesive disposed on the threads in a discontinuous manner ~~wherein the adhesive is microencapsulated.~~
6. (Currently amended) The fastener of claim 1 further comprising an adhesive that is discontinuously disposed about at least a portion of the threads, wherein the adhesive comprises first and second parts that harden when mixed.
7. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein the threads comprise stainless steel.
8. (Currently amended) The fastener of claim 5 further comprising an adhesive that is disposed about at least a portion of the threads, but does not contact the head. † wherein the threads are disposed about a shank, and further comprising a load bearing head at an end of the shank.
9. (Original) The fastener of claim 8 wherein further comprising a nib disposed on a surface of the head.

10. (Currently amended) The fastener of claim 1 wherein the head is a countersunk type of head, at least a portion of the threads has a high-low configuration.

11. (Currently amended) The fastener of claim 1 further comprising a microencapsulated adhesive that is disposed on at least a portion of the high-low threads, wherein the adhesive is microencapsulated, and at least a portion of the threads has a high-low configuration.

12. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein the tip is distanced from the threads by at least 0.5 cm, and the adhesive is microencapsulated, and at least a portion of the threads has a high-low configuration.

13. (Original) A method of assembling a structure having a composite wall, comprising: providing a threaded fastener according to claim 1; and screwing the fastener into the wall.

14. (Original) A method of assembling a structure having a composite wall, comprising: providing a threaded fastener according to claim 11; and screwing the fastener into the wall.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the wall comprises fiberglass.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the structure comprises a boat.

17. (Original) A method of assembling a structure having a composite wall, comprising: providing a threaded fastener according to claim 12; and screwing the fastener into the wall.

18. (New) The fastener of claim 1 wherein at least 6.35 mm of the shank is unthreaded between the threads and the head.

19. (New) The fastener of claim 1 wherein the threads have a length, and further comprising a microencapsulated adhesive that is disposed along the length of the threads.